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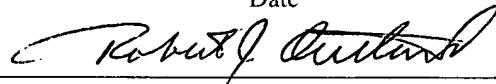


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EXPENDABLE TORQUE CONVERTER
ALIGNMENT RING AND
ASSEMBLY METHOD

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2005, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are indicated in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Very truly yours,